COMMITTEE ROOM – September 23, 2004 12:30 P. M.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Hons. Colclough, Chairman; Hankerson and Sims, members; Steve Shepard, Attorney; Fred Russell, Interim Administrator; Rob Sherman, License & Inspections Director; George Patty, Planning Director; Lena Bonner, Clerk of Commission.

ABSENT: Hons. Bob Young, Smith, Co-Chairman.

Also Present: Hons. Williams and Cheek, Commissioners.

1. Discussion of a swimming instruction program by Mr. Timothy Sanders. (Requested by Commissioner Williams) (Referred from September 13 Public Services)

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams has asked that we hold that over until the next meeting.

2. New Application: A.N. 04-39: A request by Ronelle Moehrke for an on premise consumption Liquor, Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with Astrala, Inc. located at 1034 Broad St. There will be Sunday sales. District 1. Super District 9.

Ms. Moehrke: My name is Ronelle Meohrke. My address is 2 Lakeshore Loop, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Sherman: There are no objectors present for this application. The Sheriff's Department and the License Department have reviewed the application and recommend that it be approved.

Ms. Sims: I make a motion to accept...

Mr. Hankerson: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

3. New Ownership: A.N. 04-40: A request by Pratapkumar G. Patel for a retail package Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with Shree & Associates d/b/a First Stop Walton Way located at 2013 Walton Way. District 1. Super District 9.

Mr. Patel: Pratapkumar Patel, 15509 Ballantyne Country Club Dr., Charlotte, NC.

Mr. Sherman: There are no objectors present for this application. The Sheriff's Department and the License Department have reviewed the application and recommend that it be approved.

Mr. Hankerson: So move.

Ms. Sims: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

4. New Ownership: A.N. 04-41: A request by Pratapkumar G. Patel for a retail package Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with Shree & Associates d/b/a First Stop Gordon Hwy. located at 1901 Gordon Hwy. District 2. Super District 9.

Mr. Patel: Pratapkumar Patel, 15509 Ballantyne Country Club Dr., Charlotte, NC.

Mr. Sherman: There are no objectors present for this application. The Sheriff's Department and the License Department have reviewed the application and recommend that it be approved.

Mr. Hankerson: So move.

Ms. Sims: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

7. New Application: A.N. 04-43: A request by Kevin G. King for an on premise consumption Liquor, Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with Indigo Joe's Sports Pub & Restaurant located at 3730 Wheeler Rd. There will be Sunday sales. District 3. Super District 10.

Mr. King: Kevin King, 3489 Rhodes Hill Drive, Martinez, Ga.

Mr. Sherman: There are no objectors present for this application. The Sheriff's Department and the License Department have reviewed the application and recommend that it be approved.

Mr. Hankerson: So move.

Ms. Sims: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

5. New Ownership: A.N. 04-42: A request by Tsegai T. Wasse for an on premise consumption Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with Boss Place located at 2102 ½ MLK Blvd. District 2. Super District 9.

Mr. Sherman: Mr. Wasse has withdrawn his application and the reason is because of the anticipated opposition to the application and there are some questions about whether or not he can use what was to be a new building as he wanted to use it as a café. We have found out the site plan was approved only for the building to be used as a storage building and not as a café. He has withdrawn it and I suspect if he gets those issues resolved he will apply at a later date.

At this time some residents from the neighborhood appeared before the committee in opposition to the application.

Mr. Hankerson: I make a motion that we deny it.

Ms. Sims: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

6. Consider a request to approve resolution establishing Main Street Augusta, Inc. as the clearinghouse for all events taking place in the designated business district of the Downtown Advisory Panel (DAP).

Ms. Annette Bush: Main Street is just asking to maintain a calendar where people can request to set up their events in the downtown area. There is presently nowhere to go to set up events other than asking for a street to be closed.

After a discussion, Mr. Chairman: Maybe a subcommittee could look at it and come back with a format of how it would work. I'd like to appoint Mr. Williams and Mr. Beck with Ms. Bush and Mr. Cheek as a sub-committee to look at it and bring us back an outline of how this clearinghouse would work. Mr. Cheek will be the Chairman.

Ms. Sims: I move we accept this as information.

Mr. Hankerson: Second.

Motion adopted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lena J. Bonner Clerk of Commission

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